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In re Patent Application of:
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For: ESSENTIALLY CHROMIUM-FREE METHOD
FOR PASSIVATING METALLIC SURFACES
CONSISTING OF ZN, ZN ALLOYS, AL OR
AL ALLOYS

Examiner: Monique R. Jackson

RESPONSE WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2011, finally rejecting claims 1-7, 10-17, and 25-27, and in consideration of the enclosed Request for Continued Examination and Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the application and prompt allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the new arguments provided herein.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.